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For: MAKING AND USING SAME

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

January 28, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) previously submitted on September 24, 2002 in this application, attached is an International Preliminary Examination Report for a related international Appln. No. PCT/US00/06940.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under 37 CFR § 1.97(f), to enable Applicants to comply fully.

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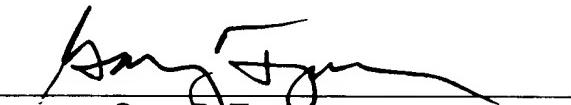
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, as well as the return of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials per MPEP § 609, are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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